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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 15, 2006 OFFICE ACTION AND
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to an Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 15, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 15, 2006 Office Action is due January 15, 2007. However, since January 15, 2007 falls on a Federal Holiday, a response filed on the next succeeding business day, i.e. Tuesday, January 16, 2007, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: